

ABSTRACT

A universal mail application maintains login with a plurality of email applications for a particular subscriber, and presents file information (e.g., Inbox, Outbox, etc.) for a selected email account as desired by the subscriber, without requiring repeated logouts and logins, thus reducing network load and subscriber wait time. The various email applications may be defined and identified by appropriate parameters stored in corresponding email account information files maintained separately for each subscriber, which contain all necessary information to identify a particular email account, e.g., a POP account number, a server address, an IP address, etc. Multiple sets of email application files corresponding to the multiple email account files contain downloaded and uploaded message files from the respective email application programs. The multiple email account compilation module may be restricted or throttled back to send/receive email from the relevant email application programs only during desirable times (e.g., during non-peak hours), either on a system wide basis or on a per-subscriber (e.g., class of service) basis. The email application files maintain the relevant files (e.g., Inbox, Outbox, Sent items, Deleted items, Drafts as in a Microsoft OUTLOOK EXPRESS™ format) for perusal by the relevant subscriber, who is prompted on their mobile display for selection of any one of the email accounts at any one time.